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'America and Peace' Theme As Democrats Meet In Convention

With Preparedness and Prosperity as Keynote, Session Is Called to Order With Nothing to Disturb Harmonious Renomination of Wilson and Marshall.

COLISEUM, ST. LOUIS, June 14.—With the keynote of "Americanism and peace; preparedness and prosperity," the democratic national convention began its first session shortly after noon today with not a single element in sight to disturb the harmonious renomination of President Wilson and Vice President Marshall.

When National Chairman McCombs called the convention to order 12,000 delegates, alternates and spectators packed the big Coliseum to the roof. Members of the national committee, members of President Wilson's cabinet and party leaders from all over the country had places on the platform. Plaster medallions of Washington, Jackson, Jefferson and Cleveland looked down on the delegates from the decorations which consisted uniformly of American flags. The only picture of President Wilson in the hall hung in front of the speaker's desk, inscribed "America First."

Vice Presidential Booms With President Wilson's direct word that he desired the renomination of Vice President Marshall, were brought to the convention hall, but only as a favorite compliment.

When National Chairman McCombs had called the convention to order the next business was the reading of the call by Secretary Bruce Kremen.

Former Governor Glynn of New York was next with the keynote speech.

Wires Direct to White House.

Down under the speakers' stand direct telephone and telegraph wires to the White House carried momentary reports of the proceedings in full. All prospect of a fight in the convention had gone, glimmering over night with William J. Bryan's announcement that he did not propose to press certain planks before the resolutions committee and that he would make campaign speeches for the democratic nominee.

Deliberate as Americans.

"We have entered this hall as democrats—let us deliberate as Americans," declared Mr. Glynn, in sounding the keynote.

It is the business of this convention representing every section of the United States, speaking for every racial strain in America to send forth a message to the world that will leave no room for doubt.

Reviewing President Wilson's conduct of foreign affairs he declared the president had preserved peace with honor.

President's Course Right.

"For vain glory or for selfish purpose," he declared, "others may cry for a policy of blood and iron, but the president has acted on the belief that the leader of a nation who plunges his people into an unnecessary war like Panmun Point vainly washes his hands in innocent blood while the earth quakes and the heavens are darkened and thousands give up the ghost."

"If Washington was right, if Jefferson was right, if Hamilton was right, then the president is right today," he declared.

Called to Order Late.

The convention was called to order half an hour late. At 11:30 o'clock there were only a dozen delegates and less than 100 spectators in their seats. The Coliseum began filling rapidly at 11:40. A quartet with megaphones started the enthusiasm with a topical song.

Senator Ollie James entered the hall and was loudly cheered. Small flags were distributed to all the delegates.

A band played a medley of national airs, the delegates standing, waving flags and cheering.

Texas Puts "Stunt."

The Texas delegation to the democratic national convention put on the first "stunt" of the meeting today by tossing miniature bales of cotton from the floor to the galleries.

Bryan entered and was received with prolonged cheers at 12:17 p. m.

A small stuffed tiger was posed on the speaker's stand.

Chairman McCombs took the chair to call to order. His gavel fell at 12:31 o'clock.

Sing National Anthems.

Louis Colombo of Detroit, led one stanza of "America" and followed with "Star Spangled Banner." Everyone joined in.

Chairman McCombs delivered the opening speech and announced the temporary officers.

Former Governor Glynn of New York, temporary chairman, delivered the keynote speech.

Cheer Mention of Wilson.

Glynn's declarations upon Americanism and that "the policy of the administration as to neutrality is as American as

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Sounder of Keynote



Former Governor Martin H. Glynn of New York.

PROPOSED PLANK SATISFIES EVERY SUFFRAGE PLEA

Democratic Leaders' Offer Puts "Golden Lane" in Shouting Mood.

ST. LOUIS, June 14.—Victory for the suffragists in the democratic national convention appeared as sure today as General Douglas' well known plan to keep silent his army of 300,000 in the taels' "golden lane"—a situation expected to be observed. The delegates had promised that during the tumultuous session they would not utter a sound and then in the closing hours of preparation a tentative draft of a suffrage platform plank demanded by the democratic leaders put them in shouting mood.

Hargrave, who was the girl's companion in the hold-up, pleaded guilty about two weeks ago and was sentenced to serve six years in the penitentiary. The two met at the Gillette home in Lawton. Hargrave was a car�e driver and had been working at Fort Sill and Lawton. From the latter place he came to Oklahoma City, where the girl met him again. Together, as husband and wife, they lived in a North Broadway rooming house.

In the hold-up, Hargrave held the revolver on the Rosenzweig's while the girl searched the victim for money and jewels.

LIGHTNING FIRES OIL WITH LOSS OF \$500,000.

CLEVELAND, Okla., June 14.—Lightning set fire to five 500-barrel oil tanks belonging to the Gypsy Oil company near here, causing an estimated loss early today of half a million dollars.

GOAL AT GUANAJUATO, MEXICO.

GUANAJUATO, Mexico, June 14.—A rich gold strike which runs nearly three and one-half pounds to the ton was reported to have been found near here.

Generally Fair Is Weather Forecast

LOCAL FORECAST—Generally fair tonight and Thursday, not much change in temperature.

STATE FORECAST—Generally fair tonight and Thursday.

ARKANSAS and WEST TEXAS—tonight and Thursday fair.

KANSAS—Fairly cloudy tonight and Thursday.

HOURLY

TEMPERATURE

10 p. m. 73

11 p. m. 73

12 midnight .69

1 a. m. 69

2 a. m. 69

3 a. m. 69

4 a. m. 69

5 a. m. 69

6 a. m. 69

7 a. m. 69

8 a. m. 69

9 a. m. 69

10 a. m. 74

11 a. m. 78

12 noon 77

1 p. m. average 79

not without shelter.



Houses and Stores Demolished, But No Loss of Life Is Reported.

MURKIN, Okla., June 14.—Special—The town of Murkin, Okla., about 100 miles south of here, was severely damaged by wind Tuesday night, according to messages Tuesday morning coming in over railroad wires. As far as can be learned, there was no loss of life. Houses, barns and store buildings were demolished, and scores of persons were

PRESIDENT LEADS 75,000 IN PARADE URGING DEFENSE

Wilson Carries American Flag At Head of Long Procession.

MEN, WOMEN CHILDREN PLEAD FOR PREPAREDNESS

Emphasize National Capital's Demand for Adequate Army and Navy.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—Led by President Wilson carrying the stars and stripes, nearly 75,000 men, women and children of Washington marched up broad Pennsylvania avenue today in a preparedness parade arranged to emphasize the national capital's demand for an adequate army and navy.

Steps to Martial Music.

The president arrived in white trousers, blue coat and straw hat and clutching his flag like a musket stepped briskly to martial air played by the United States marine band. He smiled broadly and frequently raised his hat in response to cheers.

Crowds Throng Avenue.

Cloudy weather favored the demonstration. There was hardly a cloud in the sky and it was a cool, as late spring 50-degree day. Cumulus clouds gathered along the avenue from Peace monument to the White House. In front of the White House, the president took his place in a stand to review the parade. He was joined there by Mrs. Wilson and the members of the cabinet now in the city.

Suffragists Active.

As the line was strung the treasury building the president was confronted by a huge banner bearing the legend:

"Prepared—if you care about democracy, electrical power, consider us." Women's Party.

Hair dressed young women with megaphones came to it that the banner did not get unnoticed. It was the work of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage.

Women's Party.

Besides leading and reviewing the parade, the president had prepared an address on "America First" to be delivered in the afternoon at open-air meetings south of the White House.

Washington was brilliantly decorated for the occasion. Under an executive order issued by the president, all government employees were exempted from work. Many stores were closed for the day. The parade was a nonpartisan affair and was suggested by a republican newspaper of Washington.

Every Marcher Carries Flag.

American flags were distributed to every marcher just before the parade started. Nearly every band in Washington and Baltimore was pressed into service.

With most of the marchers parading sixteen abreast, the committee in charge of the arrangements estimated that the last contingents would pass the reviewing stand late in the afternoon.

Immediately after the wedding service was concluded, the review took up its hymn again, singing the last verse. The band then departed from the church and in a few minutes left the city to begin a homeward trip to Dallas, Texas. They will return home July 1 and live at 1202 West Forty-second street.

T. R. Like Gog, Arches His Neck And Walks Lightly

NEW YORK, June 14.—Reports today that Theodore Roosevelt was seriously ill apparently proved unfounded. He has been experiencing relapsing spells recently and in a statement late today regarding an attack of pain while he was at a pier this morning awaiting the arrival of his son, Kermit, from South America, the colonel explained that this coughing probably strained a ligament.

The storm of last night was not allowed to interfere with arrangements for a program at the fair grounds. A large attendance at the basket luncheon at 12 o'clock this morning presaged a much larger crowd at 2 o'clock this afternoon when Governor Williams was to speak on "Patriotism." Major Overholser was also to deliver an address.

At noon offices of the state treasurer, closed to allow employees an opportunity to observe the day. Several business concerns closed their doors for the same purpose.

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Telegraph Not Affected.

Little or no trouble is reported to reach wires Dallas, Kansas City, Chicago and other points reported no interference with traffic.

Traffic Situation Same.

Flood conditions are unchanged from yesterday as affecting the street railway lines in the city. The Frisco service to the southwest remains inoperative on account of the washout of bridge approaches between the city and Pækington.

The situation in the Pækington district is the most menacing today. The plant of the Products Manufacturing company is in line with a strong current now overflowing it. During the night a washed out about 100 feet of land belonging to Morris & Co. and located in the stockyards district. With the fall of the river during the night and the work that is being done to prevent further washing in that district it is believed the products plant will be saved.

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Dr. J. J. Street, commissioner of public works, who returned Tuesday night from New York where he had been attending the American Waterworks convention, said he had not yet visited the cut-off where a dam had been cut by A. J. Heathorn and other farmers in that locality, but would do so during the day. He said a big force of men would be put in to repair the damage, just as soon as the water had fallen to a degree that could permit repair work to be undertaken. He said the loss involved is one that at this particular time the city is ill prepared to meet.

Considering Legal Phase.

City Counselor H. D. Shaw stated he is giving his entire time to consideration of the legal phase of the situation affecting the cutting of the dam and embankment at the cut-off, but did not care to state his views until after submitting them to the commissioners at today's meeting.

It is believed that the city will undertake to prove that a very considerable part of the damage to Wheeler Park and other city properties is attributable to the work of the farmers in cutting the dam, which hastened the flooding of the park and other properties.

Park Lawn Destroyed.

Park Commissioner J. C. Patterson, much worn from toils and nights of almost constant work at the park, says there will not be any animal lawns and the playground apparatus damaged will be easily repaired, but the lawns in the park have been destroyed and most of the flowers.

Mr. Beatty went over the struck districts this morning. He found Rev. W. H. Urch there, the minister having been laboring since 3 a. m. They found great desolation and suffering and adopted what means they possessed to relieve distress but their resources were so slender that they did not nearly suffice.

"The Provident association and others working in the interest of charity certainly need the people's help now," said Mr. Beatty. "We must provide for the homeless. We are convinced that the people unaffected by the flood will not be back at ease and permit suffering to continue without attempting to relieve it. Their help is absolutely necessary right now for we haven't the money to do what should be done."

Fawns Provided For.

The seven little fawns were safely removed to the park keeper's residence. Platforms were built for them and not one of them will be able to

Flood Recedes Six Inches; Further Rise Here Not Expected.

River Unaffected by Last Night's Terrific rain and Windstorm—City Authorities Prepare for Emergencies—Police Receive Many Calls for Boats.

A ten-inch fall in the North Canadian flood since the crest of the water reached here last night, was regarded at 7 o'clock this afternoon by the local weather observatory as indicative of a cessation of the freshet. The river was reported rising slowly at El Reno as a result of last night's rain, but this rise will not affect the local situation, it is said.

Between last midnight and 11 o'clock this morning the flood water in the valley of the North Canadian river at Oklahoma City had fallen six inches and without further heavy rainfall in the northwestern part of the state in the immediate future there will be a gradual decline. During last night there was a five-inch fall in the stream at the Briarwood bridge of the El Reno interurban electric line, eleven miles west of the city. Trains are moving uninterrupted and on regular schedule on that line. The east bound passenger train on the Rock Island line, due in Oklahoma City at 7:26 o'clock last night, was derailed at Council, near Yukon, as the result of soft roadbed due to recent heavy rains. The track was not cleaned up until 10 o'clock this morning.

Director of the weather bureau stated today that owing to improved wire communication complete reports from over the state had not arrived, but that probably the rain was general to the north of Oklahoma City. Precipitation here amounted to 36 of an inch.